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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC REPORT ON DR. RUDOLF HOFER, CCINC TRAINEE

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1. FOLLOWING IS A BIOGRAPHIC REPORT ON DR. RUDOLF HOFER,  
DIRECTOR, CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT OFFICE, GRAZ,  
AUSTRIA.

2. DR. RUDOLF HOFER BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE  
CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT OFFICE FOR THE PROVINCE  
OF STYRIA FIVE YEARS AGO FOLLOWING TEN YEARS' PRIOR  
SERVICE IN THAT OFFICE. THE STYRIA CUSTOMS DISTRICT INCLUDES  
THE MAJOR RAIL AND HIGHWAY CORRIDORS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND  
YUGOSLAVIA AND THUS LIES ATHWART THE PRINCIPAL OVERLAND ROUTES  
FOR SMUGGLING OPIATES AND OTHER DRUGS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST  
INTO CENTRAL EUROPE. IN OCTOBER 1972, DR. HOFER PARTICIPATED  
IN A TWO-WEEK NARCOTICS CONTROL TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED IN  
AUSTRIA BY THE U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA).  
SINCE THEN HE HAS COOPERATED CLOSELY WITH DEA SPECIAL  
AGENTS IN VIENNA ON DRUG ENFORCEMENT MATTERS IN HIS  
CUSTOMS DISTRICT. THE U.S. SPECIAL AGENTS CONSIDER THE  
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STYRIA CUSTOMS DISTRICT ONE OF THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT  
IN AUSTRIA FROM THE STANDPOINT OF INTERNATIONAL  
NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS AND ALSO CONSIDER THE  
DISTRICT'S NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES THE MOST  
EFFECTIVE. DR. HOFER HAS STATED THAT HE DEVOTES FORTY  
PERCENT OF HIS TIME TO DRUG CONTROL OPERATIONS.

3. DR. HOFER WAS BORN AT REICHSDORF, STYRIA PROVINCE, AUSTRIA, ON AUGUST 17, 1940. HE RECEIVED A DOCTORATE IN LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ IN 1961. HE STUDIED ENGLISH IN LONDON FOR FIVE MONTHS IN 1962-1963. HE STILL UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH QUITE WELL BUT NOW SPEAKS IT ONLY MODERATELY WELL. HE ALSO SPEAKS SWEDISH.

4. DR. HOFER HAS A YOUTHFUL AND ENERGETIC APPEARANCE. HE IS 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL WITH A WIRY PHYSIQUE AND RATHER ANGULAR FEATURES.. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND A FAIR COMPLEXION. HE WEARS HIS LIGHT BROWN HAIR MODISHLY LONG AND HAS A DARK BROWN MUSTACHE AND ABBREVIATED BEARD.

5. DR. HOFER RESIDES WITH HIS WIFE, HELMA, AT ST. PETER HAUPTSTRASSE 29 B/9 IN GRAZ. MRS. HOFER IS A SCHOOL TEACHER. THEY HAVE NO CHILDREN. DR. HOFER SKIS SWIMS AND ENJOYS CLASSICAL MUSIC. BUCHANAN

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